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STENNIS SAID THE CUBA INQUIRY "WILL BE THE FIRST" ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR THE COMMITTEE.

"IT IS THE MOST IMMEDIATE MATTER," STENNIS SAID. HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT NO DATE FOR HEARINGS WAS SET BY THE GROUP.

SENATE PROCEEDINGS ARE STILL STYMIED BY THE FLOOR DISPUTE OVER FILIBUSTER RULES. AFTER THAT DISPUTE IS RESOLVED THE SENATE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE PARENT BODY FOR THE PREPAREDNESS GROUP, IS SCHEDULED TO HOLD GENERAL HEARINGS ON U.S. MILITARY POSTURE.

STENNIS SAID TODAY'S DISCUSSION OF THE CUBA INQUIRY INDICATED THAT IT WOULD GO FORWARD AS PREVIOUSLY PLANNED. HE HAD PREVIOUSLY STATED THAT THE SUBCOMMITTEE WOULD FIRST SEEK TO COMPIL THE BEST POSSIBLE INVENTORY OF RUSSIA'S FORCES IN CUBA.

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE DIRECTOR JOHN A. MCCONE IS EXPECTED TO BE AN EARLY WITNESS IN THAT PHASE OF THE INQUIRY.

THEN, ACCORDING TO STENNIS' EARLIER STATEMENTS, THE SUBCOMMITTEE PLANS TO CALL U.S. MILITARY LEADERS AND ASK THEM ABOUT THE "IMPLICATIONS" OF RUSSIA'S BUILD UP ON U.S. COUNTER FORCE REQUIREMENTS WITH A VIEW TO SUCH MATTERS AS THE U.S. NAVAL BASE AT GUANTANAMO.

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